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1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL USAREUR LIAISON REP WHO IN DAILY CONTACT WITH OFFICERS OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF DEFENSE J-2 INTELLIGENCE STAFF, LT GEN GERHARD WESSEL HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH CHANCELLOR KIESINGER ON 27 SEPT DURING WHICH KIESINGER CONFIRMED TO WESSEL THAT LATTER IS HIS PERSONAL CHOICE AS NEXT CHIEF OF BND. ACCORDING TO ABOVE J-2 SOURCE, FOREIGN MINISTER BRANDT AND ALL-GERMAN MINISTER WEHNER STILL WANT A CIVILIAN CANDIDATE AND HAVE NOMINATED CURRENT MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HANS-JUERGEN WISCHNEWSKI AS GEHLEN'S REPLACEMENT. KIESINGER TOLD WESSEL THAT HIS NAME WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR CABINET APPROVAL IN NEAR FUTURE AND ANTICIPATED HE WOULD ASSUME BND PRESIDENCY IN APRIL 1968.

2. AS RESULT ABOVE, ACCORDING TO J-2 SOURCES OF USAREUR REP, A NUMBER OF CLOSE FRIENDS OF GEN WESSEL WHO CURRENTLY IN MOD ARE ALREADY JOCKEYING FOR POSITIONS WITH BND WHEN WESSEL MOVES TO MUNICH. WESSEL IS BEING ADVISED

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DURING CURRENT DISCUSSIONS BY FORMER GENERAL HANS SPEIDEL.

IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, J-2 SOURCES REPORT
THAT COL. HANS PILSTER UNTIL RECENTLY DEPUTY TO REAR
ADMIRAL GUENTHER POSER, J-2 CHIEF, HAS BEEN PROMOTED
TO BRIG. GENERAL EFFECTIVE 2 OCT 67 AND IS BEING
TRANSFERRED TO THE BND TO BECOME CHIEF OF MILITARY
EVALUATION. HE LEAVES FOR MUNICH ON 4 OCT.

4. COL. PILSTER IS BEING REPLACED AS DEPUTY
CHIEF J-2 BY COL. FRITZ ROSENHAUER WHO UNTIL PRESENT
HAS BEEN CHIEF OF SECURITY AND CLEARANCES UNDER
ADMIRAL POSER.

5. BRIG. GENERAL ARMIN ECK, A FORMER
BND'ER AND RECENTLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE ASBW, IS
DISSATISFIED WITH HIS DEPUTY, COL. HASSO VON ZINGLER,
AND THE LATTER WAS OFFERED ROSENHAUER'S JOB IN THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. HE HAS TURNED DOWN THIS JOB
AND WILL BE REASSIGNED ELSEWHERE.

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